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American Legion Auxiliary

NORFOLK UNIT NO. 36

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

3711 Abingdon Circle
Norfolk 13 - Va
Sept 6th - 62

dear Sir: -

I have followed the Newspaper reports about your efforts to enroll as a student at University of Mississippi with much interest, but I cannot understand all this fuss and your insistence to enroll in a College that has such a low rating. There are schools in the West and North with higher ratings, and you could have been enrolled without all the hub-bub and publicity that has caused such a stir.

I have discussed this with some of our prominent colored citizens, and they all agree to one point.

They do not think this was your own thinking. they all say that surely some one was doing

all this planning, and they also say they feel sorry for you, for you will be lonely and very unhappy, and we all know, no one can do their best if they are not relaxed and content in their surroundings.

Will you please tell me your purpose in insisting to the extent you did, to enroll in a lower bracket school when there are so many better schools ready for you to enter, and make a name for yourself.

Thank you and the best of luck to you

Sincerely

Mrs Mary Wilcox